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FLORIDA TRACT DONATED TO
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Chinsegut Hill, a 2,082-acre tract in Hernando County, Florida, has been deeded by the owners, Colonel and Mrs. Raymond Robins, to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The area will be used, according to officials of the department, as a bird refuge, and also, in cooperation with the Florida Agricultural Experiment Station, in studies of problems relating to citrus fruits, livestock, feed and forage production, and related problems. A diversity of cover and the existence of lakes and marshes lend additional value to the tract for the conservation of many species of wild life, including migratory birds.

An ancient signal point of the Seminole Indians, Chinsegut Hill is one of the highest areas of its size in Florida. A high tableland, it overlooks Lake Lindsey, most of which it also includes. The area is interspersed with small lakes and marsh areas.

The top soil is Hernando fine sand, the subsoil clay over limestone. The area is covered by a soil-survey map giving full information regarding crops and agricultural conditions. Much of the tract carries a stand of longleaf yellow pine, with some hard woods present. A part has been developed for agricultural, orchard, and livestock production. A system of pumping water from the lake for irrigation is also installed and in operation. Buildings on the tract include a main house, a farm house, four other small houses, and garages, barns, an office building, shop, hothouse, and other improvements.

Great appreciation was expressed by Secretary Hyde and other officials of the Department of Agriculture to Colonel and Mrs. Robins for their contribution to wild-life conservation and to the agricultural development of the South. The former owners, they said, will continue to live in the old mansion house for such time as they desire.

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